Boston 14th March /40

Dear Anne -

Is it not the very Ides of March
the 14th - ? - well as they are not gone, some-
thing eventful may occur - yet - but as yet all
is much as when you left - I had a stupid
day & saw no one - at night - Mary came to
tea & Maria from Lynn - Garrison with her
they had had a royal time all went well
the meeting was deeply interesting - by the
way Maria says that of the reports - that you
have of what happened before she got there are worth the
trouble she wishes you would write out your report
& send it in town by monday morning at
farthest - Thursday Morning we received
invitations for the evening to John Collins's
I was very sorry that I should be unable to
go - but I persuaded Maria to go much
against her will. Emma was asked - to
as Mr Grant was in in the morning - I asked
him just as he had got out of the house
to ~~talk~~ - send one of the boys - up to the Bowles
& tell Emma to come in town, in the evening -
this he did - but sent no message - as to the
reason why her presence was required - she
was a good deal frightened - as the child
told her she must come directly - - She
thought I must be ill - but the family spunk

was ascendant - & she coolly considered - that be the case what it might - she had better have on her best gown - & this providence extended even to her chaussure - I thot it bright of her - - Catherine Robbins called - she looks better than when I saw her last - Mrs Child came in & brought a letter she has just got from Mr Birney - in which he is very indignant at her statements in the last Lib. & says that he never thought or said that a change must be made in the American A. S. S. - on account of the Woman Question - & then goes on to establish every word she has said as true - he appeals to the magnanimity of women - to keep them out of the societies - !! - & intimates in a "sprightly manner" - that the wrongs & sufferings of the slaves are greater than those of women !! - he does not seem yet to be in possession of a single idea upon the subject - what - if I think, as I might think - that this is my mission - that I am the appointed apostle to do this work - & that these are the appointed instrumentalities - what about it then, Mr Birney - you never saw, such a piece of malicious twaddle as his letter was - Mrs C. has not yet decided what to do anent it - Lewis Tappan has written to ~~Mr~~ Mr Garrison - the same sort of letter, denying

nothing save that his scruples are religious
ones - they are not, he says - but I have
not seen this letter - The convention at
Abington has been held - it was a flat enough
concern - about 80 - principally clergy - Whiting
was there - Mr Perkins very active - No abuse
of old Soc - No reasons for new organisation
but a committee appointed to obtain names &
contributions to the society - Mr Perkins
was of that committee - He had better set
about it - after the Soc has formed - Hiram
Cummings brought in a resolution respecting
a third party - upon which the President
of the convention & of the new Soc - Gen King
("the Hypocrite") - scouted the resolutions &
wished for no such movements - he should
never vote out of his party - & saw no reason
why politicks should be introduced - he
for his part should always vote with the
whig party -

Yesterday was a day of high excitement
at the House - the marriage bill passed
to a third reading - & to be engrossed
the ayes & noes were taken in the afternoon
- after some discussion in the course
of which Bradburn victimized Minot Thayer
- the noes came thick - Henry was there in great
agitation - The best part of the Boston delegation
voted right - The Speaker voted
right when his name was called with the
other Boston members - Grenville Winthrop
also - & Stevenson - & Parsons - Deacon Greele

- Henry thought Boston equally divided in the
matter - Isaac Davis - was in bed sick - but
a message from the House got him up & he
dressed in a great hurry & got to the ~~house~~
house just in season - *Foy* had gone home
& multitudes of the other members - Brad-
burn & all thot it was lost - the vote was decl-
ed - 165 to 165 - & was pronounced *lost* - then
one of the clerks discovered a mistake & it stood
166 to 165 - a close squeeze - However Brad-
burn had a *friend* of repeal - voting with the
enemy - in order to be able to *move* a *recon-
sideration* - Many friends & some foes came
in after the vote was declared - it now goes
to the Senate - where Davis thinks it will pass
& then it must pass to be *enacted* ~~&~~ by
the house - Then there is to be another effort
to defeat it - but we have strong hopes that
it will get safely through - the common run
of members - are much in fear of Bradburn
one man from the country whom no one ever
heard of before - moved (at the instigation of
persons unknown) indefinite postponement of the
whole business - very soon - he came to Bradburn
& sitting down by him explained - that the motion
was merely made by *request* - that he had done
& promised he *would do* nothing against
the repeal - or any of Bs measures - perhaps
he should vote for them - Bradburn could hardly

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ascertain his object - finally out it came -
" for God's sake Sir don't say any thing about me
" when you speak - I am friendly to all your
" measures - don't mention me" -

Last evening Quincy was here to tea - we
discussed how Buffum & Mr Bramhall in as
many shot as she could - he will come to Mil-
ton on his return - I wrote fully to D- by him
& sent my letter by Henry to the railway - this
morning Henry saw Ed - & gave it into his own
hand - I begged him to stir up all the steps
he could - in the Evening Henry Chapman
was here - & George Davis - & George Bradburn
- Bradburn was - in a state of great nervous
excitement - & much was kept in tolerable
spirits - Davis - in a more philosophical
state but very sound - Davis & Bradburn
have both quarrelled with Whitmarsh
Davis told me in his frightened & softly
manner - that it was a long while before
he found out W. that he had occasion-
ed much delay to the Committee on one
pretence or another - & that he had con-
trived essentially to embarrass their busi-
ness, a few days since he had become aware
of this - & said he in the course of a con-
versation with Whitmarsh - I was very dis-
tinct in my charges - I stated my opinion

of his conduct perhaps too rudely — I told him that he was among other things — a double dealing Rascal — that I understood his play — & that I should unquestionably take measures to unmask his hypocrisy to his constituency — & the public — much more abuse of the same sort — the same day Bradburn administered a dose — rather more elegantly drugged — but equally bitter — Davis was a little anxious — as to how it wd work — Whitmarsh had desired the resolutions to be made weak — & opposed repeal & threatened a minority report — wishing — to stand well with abolitionists & at the same time to stand well with Van Buren — the day after the eclaircissement — he spoke to Davis with civility (the first time he had ever done so) — & intimated that he ~~never~~ had decided not to go against the report — but what he will do is yet doubtful — Henry asked Davis about your Box — & he paid $5,00 for it — I have it for you — I am to dine at Chauncey place to day for the first time

Allen Dodge voted No — in a low voice — Adams means to treat him rudely next time he comes here —

I slightly expect aunt Priscilla to-day
if she comes I shall be at home —
Susan has opened her books at the
office — all elegant — & I think she
has never looked so prosperous before
the work is half done — some orders are
already written into the books —

Multitudes of persons dodged the
vote on the colour law — George Phillips
was absent — John Gray also —

Henrietta called yesterday she
has ascertained that the Dr
Whitney she had heard of — is our
Dr Whitney — whether the reports
which circulate about him are
true is another thing — there
are such reports — You know tho'
it is privacy that Garrison wrote the
Gag Resolutions — he is now
informed that Ellis wrote the Slavery
resolves & that Mr Davis requested
us not to mention — Love to Mary.
& hope you like each other's families &
are having a good time yours in
greatest haste & true love Caroline

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